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Today was a French holiday, the Feast of the Assumption.

Blair Clark came to see me this morning to discuss what he knows of the French Protocol to the EDC Treaty. He disapproves of it.

Volney Hurd followed him, and thinks Mendès has dimmed his bright star by sponsoring a paper unworthy of a man of his intellect.

Bob Richardson said Al Gruenther wished to know what I thought about comments he might make, if asked his opinion, on the French paper. I replied if I were he I would wrap myself in my military cloak and say this was a political matter which I would consider at the appropriate time.

Harold Callender called this afternoon, and I had a long talk with him. It seems he wrote a front page article for the New York Times on Sunday commenting on the Treaty. He had obtained sufficient information from a French leak so that, from what he said, his article appeared based on authoritative data. However, he is outdone, because this morning a New York Times Washington correspondent, Mr. Schmidt, has also hit the front page with a statement that certain officials in the State Department are in favor of the other EDC Governments accepting the French proposal. I told him I would check on this. Later in the day we were informed that Schmidt's column was not correct insofar as it might be construed to represent the State Department position. The Department at first blush is opposed to attempts to interfere with the supranational clauses of the Treaty and any clauses discriminating against the Federal Republic.

Also, I received authorization today to do ~~what I had asked for yesterday,~~ namely, to notify the Interim Committee that my authority to sign the U.S. EDC agreement on military end items was suspended until the results of the Brussels Conference were known.

Tommy and I left Paris tonight for Bonn.

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